

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SPRING 2004

CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSES BUDGET IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

Facing the reality of uncertain and reduced revenues to the City, Sunnyvale has begun its annual budget preparation. Under the direction of the City Council, however, the budget process is changing.

This year's budget development includes new opportunities for public input very early in the process as the Council ranks service priorities and creates a community vision. The goal is to provide Council members with better information to assist them in making budget decisions for Fiscal Year 2004/2005 while maintaining those services

deemed important to life in Sunnyvale.

In order to enable the Council to make the best decisions possible, a prioritization review of services was conducted in two public City Council meetings in March. Each service was examined in terms of cost and the type and size of the customer group it serves. Public comment was also sought to provide additional information to the City Council.

Two more public meetings will be held Saturday, April 10 and 17. At these meetings, Council will receive an unbalanced budget, discuss community vision and rank services. A key outcome of these meetings will be the development of a community

vision which will help guide the Council as they work toward adoption of the new budget in mid-June.

Each meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Avenue, and will be broadcast live on KSUN-18, the City's government access cable television station. In addition, the meetings will be rebroadcast by tape delay during the week following the meeting. Schedules will be posted on KSUN-18 and the City's Web site at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. Video tapes of the meetings will also be available at the Sunnyvale Library following the meetings. ☀

CITY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW DOWNTOWN OPEN-AIR SHOPPING DISTRICT

Meetings Scheduled in April

The Forum Development Group of Atlanta, Georgia, is actively pursuing permits from the City to demolish Town Center Mall and replace it with an open-air, mixed-use shopping district. The City Council, seeking to provide ample opportunity for all residents and businesses to review and comment on the proposal, has asked the Planning Commission to work with the developer to hold two public outreach meetings before the plan is considered by the City at formal public hearings. Those interested in learning more about the redevelopment proposal should attend one of the following two meetings:

Wednesday, April 7
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, Orchard Pavilion
550 E. Remington Drive

Thursday, April 29
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Historic Del Monte Building
100 S. Murphy Ave., 3rd Floor

The Forum plan preserves independently-owned Macy's and Target, which remain open even though the mall is now closed. The shops between the two department stores would be demolished, and

Murphy and McKinley Avenues would be extended through the project on their historic rights-of-way. Forum proposes that the streets would be lined with a half-million square feet of new shops, a 16-screen cinema complex, 300 residential units and nearly 200,000 square feet of office space. More than 4,500 public parking spaces would be provided on the streets and in parking structures, some of which may be below ground. Central to the project would be a new three-quarter-acre town square that preserves the six majestic redwood trees which have existed on the site since the old City

Hall was constructed in the 1920s.

Although Forum filed its plans with the City on August 7, 2003, the project was stalled when the owners of the former JCPenney building objected to the plan. This obstacle was overcome early this year when Forum reached agreement to purchase the property. The old JCPenney store will be demolished to make way for the extensions of McKinley and Murphy Avenues.

The outreach meetings scheduled in April will provide the opportunity for the public to learn about the developer's plans and to comment on them. The developer will then



have time to adjust the plans to more closely align with community desires and expectations before the project is formally presented for approval to the Planning Commission and the City Council, tentatively schedule for May and June. Please check the City Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov, or call project planner Kelly Diekmann at (408) 730-7659, to obtain the date and time of the public hearings. Both hearings will be held in City Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend both an outreach meeting and the public hearings; only testimony presented at the hearings will become part of the public record. ☀

CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER REACH AGREEMENT

Amy Chan Named Interim City Manager

On Friday, February 6, Mayor John Howe and attorneys for Robert LaSala jointly released a statement confirming that an agreement had been reached canceling LaSala's June 1997 employment contract.

Acting City Manager Amy Chan will continue to handle the responsibilities normally associated with the City Manager's position during the upcoming recruitment process, which is expected to begin shortly. Chan has been Acting City Manager since last December.

"I have appreciated Bob's support over the last several years," Chan wrote in a message to staff following the announcement of LaSala's departure. "We have a lot of work to do, and I have every confidence that working together as a team, we will be able to meet all of the challenges we will face in the coming months." Chan encouraged staff members to speak with their department directors with any questions they may have.

The following is the text of a joint statement released by the City Council and Robert LaSala.

"The Sunnyvale City Council and City Manager Robert LaSala have reached an agreement canceling LaSala's June 1997 employment contract, effective immediately.

The agreement allows LaSala and the City Council to move forward in achieving their goals. The parties acknowledge that the recent agreement represents a positive compromise.

The City Council and LaSala each wish the other well in future endeavors. Out of respect for each other and their agreement, neither party will have further comment about this matter." ☀



CITY OF SUNNYVALE SPRING, 2004

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SUNNYVALE APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Sunnyvale City Council has appointed four new commissioners to fill vacancies in two commissions.

Three new members were appointed to the Sunnyvale Planning Commission. James Fussell and Larry Klein were named to seats which expire in 2006; Brandon Sulser was appointed to the seat

expiring in 2005.

Lisa Davis was appointed to fill a seat on the City's Heritage Preservation Commission. The term will run until 2006. A second vacancy on the Heritage and Preservation Commission was left unfilled due to a lack of applicants.

"Being a commissioner exemplifies the role of citizen involvement in government," said Mayor John Howe.

"I look forward to working with these newest commissioners as they begin serving our community."

Boards and commissions advise the City Council on policy issues and are appointed by the Council. Three members of the Planning Commission were elected to Sunnyvale City Council seats in November, creating three vacancies on that commission. ☀

HELP SET THE DIRECTION FOR SUNNYVALE Be An Advisor To The City Council

Through May 21, the City of Sunnyvale is recruiting applicants for the following Boards and Commissions:

- Advisory Council to the Council on Aging (County)
- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Board
- Heritage Preservation Commission

- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission

With the exception of the Advisory Council to the Council on Aging, where applicants must be at least 60 years old, you need only be a registered voter residing in Sunnyvale. This is a large recruitment for 25 positions on all Sunnyvale Boards and Commissions. An information meeting will be held in Sunnyvale City Hall West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale.

Call (408) 730-7595 for date and time. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 21, at 5 p.m. to the City Clerk's Office.

Please follow the procedure outlined under "How to Apply". Applications and supplemental questionnaires can be downloaded directly from the Web site under each Board and Commission.

For more information, visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/City+Council/Boards+and+Commissions/ or call Donna Biles at (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501.

SUNNYVALE APPOINTS NEW CITY CLERK

The City of Sunnyvale has appointed Susan Ramos to the position of City Clerk. Ramos comes to Sunnyvale with nearly 10 years experience as a city clerk and deputy city clerk. Most recently, she was the Director of Public Affairs/City Clerk for the

City of Dana Point, Calif. Prior to that, Ramos served as City Clerk for the cities of Menlo Park and Saratoga, Calif., and as Deputy City Clerk in the Town of Apple Valley, Calif.

Ramos is the recipient of the 2002 Award of Distinction for Records Management Practices from the California City Clerk's Association.

She is certified by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and is a Notary Public.

Ramos began her tenure with the City on January 5, 2004. She replaces Cathleen McKay, who held the post on an interim basis during the recruitment process. ☀

CITY HALL REACHES OUT TO RESIDENTS

Sunnyvale Mayor John Howe has launched a new outreach program to increase opportunities for residents to connect with their elected

officials. The Mayor, accompanied by other Council members and Board and Commission members, are meeting with neighborhood associations throughout the year. "My goal is to meet with a different neighborhood association each month", said Mayor Howe. "We want to hear the interests and concerns shared by our Sunnyvale community and provide residents with direct access to their elected representatives."

The first of these meetings was held with the S.N.A.I.L (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor, Including LaLinda) neighborhood association January 8 at Columbia Middle School. The Mayor was accompanied by Vice Mayor Dean Chu and Planning Commissioner Charles Hungerford. Residents learned about the latest development plans for the Sunnyvale Town Center Mall, asked questions about the impact of the City's budget shortfall and discussed a planned VTA-funded bicycle overcrossing of Highways 101 and 237.

In February and March, Mayor Howe also met with the Charles Street 100 Neighborhood Association, the San Miguel Neighbors Association and the Cherry Orchard Neighbors Association. Future meetings include Gavello Glen Neighborhood Association on April 15, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., (call association chairperson Karen Rivers at (408) 737-0524 for meeting location), and Braly Corners Neighborhood Association on May 6, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m., at Braly School, 675 Gail Avenue.

Check the community calendar posted at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events for future neighborhood meeting schedules or watch for community announcements on KSUN-18, Sunnyvale's government access cable channel. Neighborhood associations and other community groups wishing to participate in the outreach program may contact the Neighborhood and Community Services Office at (408) 730-7599, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

SUNNYVALE'S WEB SITE KEEPS GETTING BETTER

You may have noticed some changes to the City of Sunnyvale's updated Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. We are continuing to refine the new Web site and we thank you for your patience as we all adapt to the changes.

When developing the new site, City of Sunnyvale staff met with members of the community to determine what features are important to users. As a result of those discussions, several features have been added to the site, including an e-mail subscription service and an index of departments. Another new feature is the City Services page. This feature allows visitors to search for a specific service without having to know which department is responsible for providing that service. To reach this page, click on the City Services link, located on both the left and top menu bars.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to refine the new Web site. Please feel free to e-mail any questions or comments to the Sunnyvale webmaster at webmaster@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

How libraries can change lives

Sunnyvale Librarian Christine Doxtad is passionate about libraries. “My life would not be nearly as rich had I not always had access to a library,” she says. “Because of the library I have become a more productive, informed and happier member of my community.”

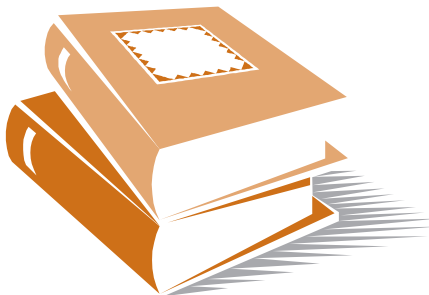
Still, she believes that libraries are too often taken for granted. Lest we forget their importance, Doxtad offers eight ways the library can change lives.

1. **It builds community.** The library’s reason for being is to serve the community. Its collections and programs reflect the diversity of Sunnyvale’s residents and foster understanding of the City’s many cultures. It serves as a unifying element as we all come to fulfill our informational and recreational needs and to learn about and care for one another.
2. **It keeps us informed.** In order for our democratic government to work well, we need to make intelligent, informed decisions. Nowhere else will you find the wealth of information the library provides under one roof. The librarians strive to purchase materials that represent all points of view, allowing us to educate ourselves on all sides of an issue.
3. **It levels the playing field.** We live in a world where the gap between the “haves” and the “have-nots” is widening. This is not so in the library. Our resources are available to all, giving everyone a chance to improve his or her lot in life, whether by learning to read, acquiring new skills for a better job or simply by healthier living.
4. **It supports families.** At the library, the whole family can find something of interest for each member. Families can attend storytimes and programs together,

- work on special projects or look for a good book or movie to enjoy together.
5. **It expands the mind.** For adults and children alike, the library is a place of discovery. There are books and materials about places you’ve never been, things you’ve never seen and ideas you’ve never thought about. A community whose members are always learning and seeking out knowledge is a healthy, thriving community.
 6. **It offers opportunity.** The library gives you a chance to make things happen. Its resources can help you land a new job, start a new business or even acquire a patent. You can change your life in any way you want. Using Internet resources, you have the opportunity to communicate with people all over the world and do endless research.
 7. **It provides choices.** In the library world, we like to say that we have something for everyone. This means, of course, that we also have something to offend everyone. We provide materials on all points of view, not just the majority or popular viewpoint. No one tells us what to buy nor does anyone tell you what to read or view. We offer a choice, something that is very important in a free community.
 8. **It provides a safe haven.** The library offers you a place to come and sit by the fire, study at a cubicle or just walk around and look at the artwork. It can be a respite from a busy life. More importantly, it is a place where you can read or research anything you want without anyone bothering you.
- National Library Week is April 18 – 24. Stop by the Sunnyvale Public Library and tell us about your passions and how the library has touched your life. 🌟

RAISING A READER

As recently as the early seventies, educators believed there was a definite point in a child’s development, usually toward the end of kindergarten or beginning of first grade, when the child should be ready to learn to read. Children advanced through a rigid program, which first used workbooks to teach visual and auditory skills. Only after completion of workbook activities were children introduced to real books with text that carefully controlled the introduction of new words.



Educators now realize that reading readiness in children begins at birth, long before formal instruction is introduced. Hearing language, looking at board books and sharing pictures books with a parent or caregiver are all part of what is now termed “emergent literacy.” The Sunnyvale Public Library children’s services staff have prepared a new series of booklists, *What’s Good for a 1-Year-Old, 2-Year-Old, 3-Year-Old, 4-Year-Old and 5-Year-Old*, to assist parents in leading their children through the stages of emergent literacy until they bloom into actual readers. This can be the first giant step (after toilet training) to becoming an adult.

When children reach the solo reading stage, the library is prepared to play an active part in increasing reading skills. Like many libraries, the Sunnyvale Public Library has a separate collection of books for this purpose. Our collection is labeled ER, or Easy Reader, and includes old favorites and many great new titles that are much more attractive and interesting than *See Spot Run*. Most publishers who issue easy-reader series indicate difficulty level with designations like Step 1, Step 2, or Levels A, B and C. To standardize the levels, the library has color-coded the easy-readers with tape at the top of the spine: from blue for the easiest, up to red for most difficult. This allows parents to help their child make appropriate selections. New to the Easy Reader collection is a growing number of non-fiction titles. Simple biographies and sports and nature information are some of the popular subjects.

Like most skill acquisition, reading requires lots of practice. Teachers know this and often assign young students to read several books each week. To accommodate this growing demand, the Easy Reader collection has increased in size over the past few years and now offers roughly 6,000 volumes. Children’s librarians are always available to help you and your child find the right books to increase reading skills and to give your child a sense of accomplishment and pleasure in reading. 🌟

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

National Library Week is coming! From April 18 – 24, the Sunnyvale Public Library, along with libraries around the nation, will offer the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the library in our lives and in our community.

Begun in 1958, National Library Week was created in response to the concern that Americans were spending too much time watching that newfangled machine – the television – and not enough time reading. The theme for that first National Library Week was “Wake up and Read.”

Libraries have changed a great deal since 1958. As technology has emerged, information is being packaged differently. Computers, databases, e-books and Internet access stations all have found their place alongside books. But the basic premise behind libraries has remained the same.

Libraries are a place where members of a community can come together to learn, relax and exchange ideas. They support lifelong learning, creative thinking and healthier living. The library also represents opportunity and hope for all citizens regardless of race or economic status, offering materials for free that none of us could buy individually.

Come to the Sunnyvale Public Library during National Library Week and show your support. Remember, there’s something for everyone at the library.



SUNNYVALE'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

A Look into the Near Future

After three years of economic decline, Silicon Valley is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. The City of Sunnyvale has seen its economy change from agriculture to

defense to integrated circuits. In the 1990s, the economy shifted again with the advent of the Internet. Now, with change on the horizon yet again, Sunnyvale is working to improve its current economic strongholds while, in turn, positioning itself to become the leader of the next wave of innovations.

During the economic boom of the 1990s, the two most important industries were software and semiconductor manufacturing. These clusters were responsible for the two largest concentrations of employment in Silicon Valley. Fortunately, both have been able to weather the economic decline and are showing signs of growth. Starting in 2001, the semiconductor industry has seen a rise in revenue. The sector is expected to increase to an estimated \$225 million in 2004, a rise of 12.5 percent over 2003 levels. Software was hit harder by the economic storm, but its revenues have increased since 2002, and appears headed toward a \$10 million jump during 2004.

As Silicon Valley shows signs of a

recovery, Sunnyvale is focusing on the convergence of innovations, biotechnology, information technology and nanotechnology. The City is actively working to prepare its community to lead the new wave of innovation, rather than being led by it.

Sunnyvale continues to focus on developing homegrown talent. Studies show that Silicon Valley students have a limited awareness of high tech careers, or what areas of study to focus on to lead them in that direction. Sunnyvale will create opportunities, through internships and co-op programs, for local students to become qualified workforce participants. Such programs have proven to be highly effective, but there are still too few of these opportunities to make a sizable impact on the workforce gap.

Sunnyvale – a city that has shown that it is up to the challenge of adapting to shifting economies – is gearing up for the next phase of the Silicon Valley economy, focusing on its strengths while setting a course to become a major player in the new wave of innovations. 🌟

SUNNYVALE'S FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER MUSIC AND MARKET SERIES

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 7 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

Festivities begin at 5 p.m., music begins at 6 p.m.

Sunnyvale's premier summertime event, the Fifth Annual Music and Market series will begin Wednesday, July 7. On these warm summer nights, the community gathers in historic downtown Sunnyvale to enjoy the leisurely pace of summer with music, arts, wine, shopping and fun.

Sponsored by the Sunnyvale Downtown Association, the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, Urban Village Farmers' Market and the City of Sunnyvale, this nine-week event has become a Sunnyvale tradition.

For more information about Music and Market, please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce at (408) 736-4971. We'll see you there!

BUY YOUR NEW CAR IN SUNNYVALE!

Are you in the market for a new car? If you buy your new car, truck or SUV from one of the dealers on Sunnyvale Auto Row, you can get a great deal while investing in the future of Sunnyvale. Remember, money spent in Sunnyvale stays in Sunnyvale.

Revenue from the retail sales tax you pay makes up a large portion of

the general funds received by the City. Those funds, in turn, are used to provide the high level of services residents enjoy. The general fund supports all City services including public safety, library services, parks, recreation activities and public works. We encourage you to buy your goods and services in Sunnyvale.

For more information about supporting Sunnyvale businesses, or to ask questions regarding your own business, please contact the Sunnyvale Economic Development Division at (408) 730-7607. 🌟

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TOYOTA
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SUNNYVALE BELOW-MARKET-RATE WAITING LIST

From February 1 to March 1, the City Housing Division opened the waiting list for the Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program and accepted applications from first time homebuyers who want to buy an affordable home in Sunnyvale. Approximately 800 people applied for the 500 available slots.

The BMR Housing Program began in Sunnyvale in 1985. There are

currently 180 ownership units in the program and 40 scheduled to become available in the next two years. The waiting list is opened and closed every two to three years in accordance with the projected availability of BMR units for purchase.

The City Council amended the BMR Ordinance in February 2003; the creation of the new waiting list reflects the priorities established by the City Council. Preference is given

to BMR purchasers who live or work in Sunnyvale with a total household income within the moderate income range. If accepted on the waiting list to purchase a BMR home, homebuyers must commit to participation in pre- and post-purchase educational programs, follow through on submission of a full application and verifiable documentation of eligibility, and commit to compliance with the program benefits and requirements. ☀

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

First celebrated in 1980, Building Safety Week promotes the use and understanding of construction and building codes worldwide. The annual event also helps building departments demonstrate how to construct safe, sound and accessible buildings. Building Safety Week is April 4 – 10, 2004.

What is a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project. By working with an expert code official, you will benefit from their knowledge of the building codes to ensure your construction project is built according to the code requirements and will be safe.

What are the benefits of building permits?

- **Increased Value** — Your home or business is an investment. Without a building permit, the



- value of your investment may be reduced. Also, property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections.
- **Protects** — A property owner who can show that code requirements were met, as demonstrated by a code official's records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a lawsuit.
 - **Ensures Safety** — Building permits also protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of

unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare.

How can I obtain a building permit?

Many minor building permits and other online services can be obtained at www.e-onestop.net. Information can also be found on the Building Safety Division Web site at www.SunnyvaleBuilding.com or by calling (408) 730-7444, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀

ARCHIVED PERMIT RECORDS

The Building Safety Division recently converted more than 400,000 microfilmed building permit records to electronic images. This project enables Sunnyvale to take advantage of new technology, giving the City a more efficient and secure method of record maintenance and retrieval.

Building permits and plans are public records and may be viewed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the One-Stop Permit Center, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Avenue. Plans and documents are generally available for commercial, industrial and multi-family residential projects.

SUNNYVALE OFFERS WORKSHOPS FOR MOBILE HOME OWNERS

The Sunnyvale Housing Division, in partnership with Project Sentinel, will continue its series of educational programs for mobile home park residents throughout the City in April. These two-hour programs offer information about the rights and responsibilities of mobile home owners as well as resources for owners. Topics

include fair housing, financing, City rehabilitation loans and the application of state mobile home park law. Other subjects are also covered, including lease renewals, maintenance and park amenities and rules.

There are 17 mobile home parks in the City, with space for more than 4,000 mobile homes. Six programs were held in the larger parks'

community rooms while two workshops were held at City parks for the residents of smaller parks.

The City contracts with Project Sentinel to offer services in fair housing, landlord-tenant counseling, mediation and homebuyer education. Project Sentinel maintains five offices, including one in Sunnyvale, which can be reached at (408) 720-9888. ☀

SATURDAY IS FARMERS' MARKET DAY

The Sunnyvale Farmers' Market is a great way to start your weekend. It gives you the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the season. Savory fish and shrimp are available as well. Also, you can enjoy delicious, freshly made popcorn, mouth-watering pastries, bagels and crepes. Don't forget the dozens of different beautiful and fragrant flowers. Or simply stroll on down to say hello to



Farmers' Market on South Murphy Avenue in Sunnyvale

Photo: John Pilger

other members of our community.

The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on South Murphy Avenue between Washington and Evelyn Avenues.

For more information about Sunnyvale and other farmers' markets, visit www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html or call Urban Village Farmer's Market Association at (510) 745-7100. ☀

SMaRT® DECADE

Celebrating 10 Years of SMaRT® Operations



The Sunnyvale SMaRT Station Entrance



Photo: John Pilger

In 1991 the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale formed a partnership to handle the tough challenges of solid waste management. Even before cities were being required to divert more waste from space-eating landfills, the leaders of these North Bay cities had begun to plan for the future. The Sunnyvale Material Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT®) Station is the result of that early partnership, effectively providing long-term regional solutions to managing waste from the respective communities.

To commemorate the achievements of this tri-city partnership, a public birthday celebration and recognition event will be held at the station Thursday, May 6 from 10 a.m. until noon. The mayors of the three cities

will receive achievement awards from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the California Department of Conservation.

Ten-year-old school children from each of the three cities will take part in the program to acknowledge the important achievements that have occurred during their lifetimes. Awards will also be presented to the winners of the environmental art poster

contest that is being sponsored in conjunction with this celebration. Visitors can tour the facility after the program and during the week of May 1 through May 7.

For more information about the event or the SMaRT® Station, please contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

SMaRT® ACHIEVEMENTS

- The SMaRT® Station was dedicated on August 11, 1993, with operation beginning the following year. Useable material is separated from the garbage that comes in, and is then sold to processors, with proceeds offsetting the cost to ratepayers. Curbside recycling materials collected from the residents are also processed and marketed at the station.
- The station serves a combined population of 265,000 with costs shared by the three cities based on population.
- All three cities have exceeded the state's mandated goal of reducing landfill materials 50 percent by 2000. (Mountain View, 51 percent; Palo Alto, 55 percent; Sunnyvale 57 percent)
- Since opening, the station has processed nearly three million tons of garbage. Operating efficiencies occur all along the line, from compacting trash before transporting it to the landfill, to combining materials for market, and sharing the operating costs. Over 470,000 tons of materials have been sold for more than \$8 million in revenue. These revenues are returned to help offset operational costs.
- Materials have been sold to a diverse array of local and overseas markets as near as San Jose and as distant as China.
- Visitors to this state-of-the art facility include officials from the Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan, China and Canada.

2004 SPRING CLEAN-UP VEHICLE TOW-AWAY

Do you have a vehicle that is taking up parking space in front of your house or in your driveway? Would you like to dispose of it at no charge?

Your vehicle can be removed, free of charge, by signing over ownership and turning in the pink slip to a City-approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and all debris and garbage must be removed from the inside of the vehicle. For additional information contact Michelle Raff at Sunnyvale Public Safety at (408) 730-7104 during April 1 – 30. Your request will be sent to a towing company which will call you to make an appointment for pick-up of the vehicle.

Vehicles removed during the spring clean-up do not qualify as an IRS Tax Donation.

SHARE THE ROAD

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians need to be aware of others on the road, especially at intersections. Accidents can occur when drivers make turns across the path of travel of a cyclist or pedestrian. Drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and bicycles. At the same time, however, pedestrians and cyclists should be alert to the actions of drivers, only entering the roadway when there is sufficient time for drivers to yield.

When approaching an intersection in a motor vehicle to make a right turn, pay attention to any bicycles that you pass — they may also be approaching the intersection as you slow down to make the turn. Before turning, always look for and yield to pedestrians or bicycles in the roadway.

For more information on bicycle and pedestrian safety, contact Tanya Higgins at (408) 730-2713 or thiggins@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

SHOP OR SELL TREASURES

Garage Sale Day is April 24

Saturday, April 24 is Garage Sale Day. As part of Earth Day celebrations and to encourage re-use, the Solid Waste & Recycling Program is again promoting Citywide garage sales. This year to make better use of resources, we are again promoting a one-day event. The new theme is "Freedom to Choose to Reuse." Whether you're looking for a sailboat or a sofa, this is the place to shop.

A few things to consider:

- Sunnyvale residents no longer need to list their sales with the Sunnyvale Recycling Program.
- You can find information about Garage Sale Day, how-to kits and other re-use ideas at

www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle/garagesales.htm.

- Many resources are available to promote sales including several no-fee Web sites such as PennySaver (go to www.PennySaverUSA.com and click on *Garage Sales*).
- Garage Sale Day will be promoted on radio, newspaper and the Internet.

Join the fun and do your part to keep Sunnyvale treasures circulating. Shop Sunnyvale on Saturday, April 24.

For more information about Garage Sale Day, contact the Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, or e-mail recycling@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

THINKING OF REMODELING?

Donate Your Old Building Materials

Putting in a new bathroom or kitchen, adding a room or doing a total rebuild typically results in materials that can be salvaged and potentially used by other contractors, builders or home-owners. By salvaging this material, valuable resources are diverted from landfills, helping the environment and helping others. For more information about building salvage, contact Whole House Building Supply & Salvage at (650) 856-0634.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity also accepts donations of salvageable materials at their San Leandro offices, 2481 San Leandro Blvd., Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call (510) 614-5656.

SERVICE LEVEL REDUCTIONS

Street Trees and Concrete Maintenance

In July 2003, at the start of the City of Sunnyvale's current fiscal year, a number of service-level reductions made necessary by the local and regional economic crisis were put into place. Two areas that saw reductions in service were the street tree services program and the concrete maintenance program. For your reference, we are providing a summary of the changes that have gone into effect.

STREET TREES

Services Eliminated

Pest Control: All pest control services, including nuisance fruit control for liquidambar trees, were eliminated. Staff, materials and equipment associated with all pest control were eliminated as a cost savings measure. Most pest control measures to city street trees were done primarily as a customer service, as the pests that attack City street trees are not lethal to the trees.

Tree Root Mitigation: All City street tree root mitigation on private property was eliminated. Tree roots associated with concrete damage will now be handled by the concrete maintenance program.

Services Reduced

Street Tree Pruning: Both scheduled structural pruning and service request or single pruning services have been reduced.

Until this fiscal year, the average scheduled structural pruning cycle was four and a half years. The scheduled structural pruning is now at a five and a half year cycle.

Service request pruning refers to the pruning of single trees on an as-needed basis. Routine pruning is typically generated by a service request from a resident or business. One of our arborists will review the problem and determine if the tree needs pruning now or it can wait until the next scheduled structural pruning. Priority or emergency pruning is generated by a call from a resident or business where there has been a tree or limb failure creating an immediate or potentially hazardous condition. This type of pruning is usually limited to correcting the hazardous condition. Service request pruning now will be more limited than in the past; there will have to be a demonstrated urgency for a single tree prune.

Street Tree Planting: Both new and replacement street tree planting are still done by the City, but are now done under seasonal contract.

Hazardous Tree Removal: The determination for removal of a hazardous street tree is made by a City arborist. City staff will continue to remove the aerial portion of the tree, but the stump removal will be contracted out. Trees that need to be removed before the seasonal contract will remain as a stump for a period of time.

Street Tree Watering: In the past, the street tree program watered newly planted street trees during the dry season using a water truck. This process typically took three years of supplemental summer watering. The

new service level for has reduced watering by 70 percent and has eliminated the staff positions and watering truck. The new service level relies on property owners for watering. The cost of watering a single tree one time using a watering truck averaged \$4, while the actual cost of the water was 5¢. The new service level represents a tremendous cost savings to taxpayers.

Street Tree Work Permit

Since City street trees are public assets, private citizens cannot work on them without permission of the city. The street tree division has developed a street tree work permit that allows property owners to perform various types of work on public street trees. Currently the permit is free of charge.

To avoid damage to a tree that could cause its loss or make it a hazard, the street tree work permit gives conditional permission to perform work on a tree as prescribed by City and arboricultural industry standards. If you have questions about the street tree work permit or the new service levels, please call the Sunnyvale Trees and Landscaping Division at (408) 730-7505

CONCRETE MAINTENANCE

Services Eliminated

Survey City Sidewalks: From 1993 to 2003, the City surveyed one-tenth of the City's sidewalks every year for defective and hazardous conditions. The City has now eliminated this service. Residents and property owners may report hazardous conditions and City staff will continue to perform corrective remedial actions to make sidewalks safe until permanent repairs are made.

Parkway Strip Concrete Removal: Concrete placed by property owners in the parkway strip (the open land space between the sidewalk and the curb) can become raised and create a hazard in the public right-of-way. The City has a duty to mitigate the situation when it becomes aware of such a hazardous condition, but this will now be done at the property owner's expense. If the property owner is unable to do the work him or herself, City staff will remove the concrete for the property owner for a fee.

Services Reduced

Concrete Replacement: In order to avoid implementing a cost-sharing program as has been done in many communities, the City Council chose to reduce the funding of concrete replacement. Residents and property owners will wait longer to have defective concrete replaced. The new service level calls for concrete repair work to be done within five fiscal years.

Encroachment Permit

A fee-based encroachment permit is required for work done in the public right-of-way (ROW), excluding landscaping. The permit provides for City engineers to specify work do be done on the City utilities and other public assets in the ROW as well as providing a public works inspector

to verify all work is done to standard City plans and specifications. Replacement of curbs, gutters, driveway aprons and public sidewalks all require an encroachment permit, as does installation of concrete or paving in the parkway strip. If you have questions, call the Trees and Landscaping Division at (408) 730-7505. ☎

SUNNYVALE INCREASES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WITH HIGH-TECH CROSSWALK

Sunnyvale's pedestrians are now even safer, thanks to a new high-tech lighted crosswalk on Maude Avenue at Bayview Avenue, in front of Bishop Elementary school. The \$25,000 crosswalk project, jointly funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety and the City of Sunnyvale, features pedestrian-activated lights embedded in the roadway that flash to alert drivers to the presence of pedestrians in the crosswalk.

While California law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians, Sunnyvale has taken this extra step to heighten drivers' awareness and increase visibility and safety for pedestrians. The intersection of Maude and Bayview Avenues was selected based on criteria established by the state, which provided \$20,000 to fund the purchase of materials. The adjacent school, large numbers of student pedestrians and high traffic volumes on Maude Avenue were all factors in the selection.

A second lighted crosswalk is already planned for the intersection of Remington and Mango Avenues, near Sunnyvale Middle School. The City will evaluate the effectiveness of the system and may consider additional locations for lighted crosswalks.



A bright yellow sign alerts drivers and pedestrians to Sunnyvale's new lighted crosswalk

Photos: John Pilger



Pedestrians take advantage of the new, safer crosswalk.

DPS Hosts 10th Annual Basketball Shootout

Public Safety Officer Scott Mueeting, with the night's top shooters, Shaun Smith and Ariel Castillo



Photo: Michael Credi

More than 300 people turned out to watch the top seventh and eighth grade basketball shooters from eight Sunnyvale schools. The Friday evening event at

Columbia Neighborhood Center started with a Dignitary Shootout with Sunnyvale Mayor John Howe, Councilmember Ron Swegles, Jeff Arnett and Amalia Castelino from Parks & Recreation and Captains Chuck Eaneff and Mark Stivers of Public Safety. DJ Public Safety Officer Ralph Chavez maintained the high-energy atmosphere with a great selection of music to charge up the competition.

For the Dignitaries, Jeff Arnett came out on top with a score of 11 baskets in 60 seconds. Councilmember Swegles and Cpt. Stivers tied for second place with eight baskets each. The student competition was tough. Both the seventh grade boys' and girls' had ties for first place. These were resolved through a final shootout decision for first and second place winners. 🌟

Seventh Grade

Boys

1st placeShaun Smith, Peterson Middle.....(17 baskets)
2nd placeBinh Nguyen, Columbia Middle.....(17 baskets)

Girls

1st placeBianca Lopez, Columbia Middle(14 baskets)
2nd placeAnecia Jones, Peterson Middle(14 baskets)

Eighth Grade

Boys

1st placeJohn Mapa, St. Martin.....(15 baskets)
2nd placeRobert Maes, Columbia(14 baskets)

Girls

1st placeAriel Castillo, St. Martin.....(19 baskets)
2nd placeYunice Mota, Peterson Middle.....(13 baskets)

SUNNYVALE PROVIDES FREE GUN LOCKS

The City of Sunnyvale is providing free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, are being distributed by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and are available at DPS headquarters and at various community events.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

Residents are encouraged to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearms. Each kit contains a safety brochure and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home.

By collaborating with Project ChildSafe, Sunnyvale is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. For more information about this program, contact the DPS Crime Prevention division at (408) 730-7199.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

- Emergency**
911 or (408) 730-7180
- Desk Officer/non-emergency**
(408) 730-7110
- Animal Control Unit**
(408) 730-7178
- Graffiti Hotline**
(408) 730-7680
to report graffiti
- Drug Hotline**
(408) 245-DRUG
to report suspected drug activity
- Nuisance Vehicle Hotline**
(408) 730-7706
- Crime Prevention Unit**
(408) 730-7140
- Fire and Environmental Services**
(408) 730-7212

DPS UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22

Annual Bike Rodeo in conjunction with the Sunnyvale Health & Safety Fair



Week of June 20

Special Olympics Torch Run

June 24

Tip-a-Cop at Spoon's in Sunnyvale

July 24

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Power Pull at Paramount's Great America 🌟

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Sunnyvale is consistently ranked one of the safest cities in the nation. Our residents contribute to the exceptional safety record by taking steps to prevent crime before it happens. Here are a few things you can do to help keep our community safe.

- Keep doors & windows locked
- Install motion detector lighting around home
- Report suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood
- Get to know your neighbors
- Keep landscape plants and trees trimmed so they do not provide cover for a potential burglar
- Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 730-7140 to schedule a free home security survey 🌟

CRIME WATCH

Help the Department of Public Safety (DPS) find the following suspects. DPS is currently looking for two Asian or Hispanic suspects 16 to 32 years old, possibly driving a blue late model Toyota sedan.

DETAILS

Three suspects are targeting homes of Asian families in the south portion of Sunnyvale. Two suspects enter the home while one suspect remains in the getaway vehicle. Suspects usually enter by prying open a rear window. Suspects take smaller items of value such as money and jewelry. No one has been home during the burglaries.

OTHER INFORMATION

One suspect has been arrested, however there are still two suspects at large. Residents can help by reporting suspicious activity to DPS at (408) 730-7180. Callers may remain anonymous. 🌟

DOG & CAT SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Sunnyvale's Animal Control Unit is offering free dog and cat safety presentations based on educational materials from the Humane Society of the United States. The interactive 45-minute program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade

incorporates video, hands-on activities and a visit with a Sunnyvale Animal Control Officer. Presentations are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. To schedule a presentation, please contact the Animal Control Unit at (408) 730-7178. 🌟

SUNNYVALE PROMOTES CLEAN AIR WITH GAS LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE

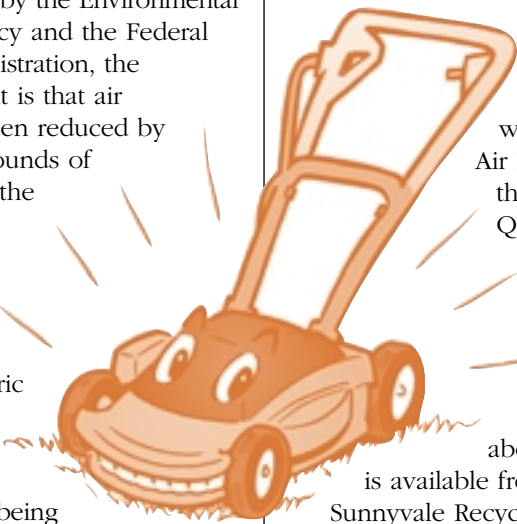
Mowing a lawn for an hour with a gas lawnmower generates as much air pollution as driving a late-model car 340 miles — that’s about 20 pounds of emissions! The combined effect of the pollution produced by numerous gas mowers from a city the size of Sunnyvale is significant. One simple solution is to switch from a gas-powered mower to an electric-powered or manual mower.

The City of Sunnyvale will host a gas lawn mower exchange on Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Home Depot, 690 Kifer Road. Sunnyvale residents may bring an operating gas mower and qualify for a \$100 instant rebate on the purchase of a Black & Decker electric mulching mower (model MM575) priced at \$179. With the instant rebate, the price of the electric model will be \$79, plus tax. Quantities are limited and trade-ins will be on a first come, first served basis. Old mowers must be drained of all fluids, and there is

a limit of one mower per customer. Since Sunnyvale’s first lawn mower exchange in October 2001, more than 400 gas mowers have been exchanged at Sunnyvale events. Based on calculations developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Highway Administration, the cumulative result is that air pollution has been reduced by nearly 14,000 pounds of emissions since the program’s inception.

If the lawn clippings from the 400 lawns now using electric mulching mowers were returned to the lawn instead of being collected at curbside, an estimated 278,388 pounds — or 139 tons — of green waste would be eliminated. The transportation and processing costs that would be avoided each year would create

savings that could then be passed along to utility customers. The exchanged mowers also yielded more than 30,000 pounds of scrap metal to be resold.



This mower exchange event will be held cooperatively with the California Air Resource Board, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Works. Information about the event is available from City of Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262 or the program’s Web site at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org. For information about emptying and disposing of fluids from your gas mower before it is exchanged, call (800) CLEAN-UP. ☼

LEARN TO COMPOST — JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING PLANTING

Next compost workshops on April 10, May 8, June 12

This spring as you begin to plan your garden and dream of the tomato harvest, consider using or learning to make your own rich homemade soil amendment to help your plants grow strong and healthy. Join us for a free compost workshop, and learn how to turn your yard trimmings and fruit and vegetable scraps into a dark, nutrient-rich soil conditioner called compost.

Led by experienced gardeners, compost workshops are a popular way to learn how to make your soil healthier for stronger plant growth. Using compost on your lawn and garden also reduces the need for chemical yard products, and results in less water usage. It also helps the environment by reducing the amount of waste going to our landfills. One-third of the City’s waste is generated by residents — and almost 40 percent of that waste is organic waste, primarily yard trimmings.

Here are some of the most common ways to use compost:

In the Garden

Before planting, mix a four-inch to eight-inch layer of compost into newly reclaimed or poor soils. Mix a one-half inch to three-inch layer of compost into annual garden beds at least once a year. Compost will add nutrients and beneficial microbes, hold water and improve plant growth.

Around the Yard

Spread a one-inch to six-inch layer of coarse compost on soil as a mulch, or spread a one-half inch layer of sifted, weed-free and seed-

free compost on turfgrass as a top dressing. These can be done any time of year to improve soil fertility and reduce watering needs.

On House Plants

Sprinkle a thin layer of compost over house-plant soil to provide nutrients. You can also make a great potting soil by mixing one part compost with two parts sand and/or soil.

Thanks to efforts by our residents and businesses to compost, recycle, and prevent waste, the City is now diverting 57 percent of its waste away from the landfill. Compost workshops are held on the fourth Saturday of each month, January through October, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum, 550

East Remington Drive. To register, call the City of Sunnyvale Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262. ☼

COMPOST BIN AVAILABLE AT 69% DISCOUNT

Attend a compost workshop and buy a Smith & Hawken Biostack compost bin and instruction book for only \$28 — that’s 69 percent off the retail price. Limit one per household, to Sunnyvale residents after attending a workshop.

PROCESSED YARD TRIMMINGS AVAILABLE

Get your compost pile started by taking home some ground-up yard trimmings, available at no charge at the SMaRT® Recycling Center, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week. The yard trimmings can be used as mulch or composted into finished compost. Bring a container and a shovel.

LAWN CARE HABITS CAUSE AIR POLLUTION

Gas mowers help create ground-level ozone, or smog. This smog can impair lung function and stunt plant growth. Children and people with heart and respiratory problems are especially sensitive.

In addition, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, homeowners across the nation inadvertently spill 17 million gallons of gasoline while refilling their lawn mower tanks. That’s more fluid than was spilled by the Exxon Valdez. Some of this gas may seep into the

ground where it could contaminate groundwater. Some of the spilled gasoline evaporates and contributes to summertime smog. During the growing season, gasoline-powered lawn mowers create an estimated nine tons of air pollution every day.

Electric mowers use very little electricity — about as much as a hair dryer — and can automatically recycle grass clippings into a mulch that keeps the lawn green and healthy. Using an electric mower reduces air pollution and helps to keep nutrient-rich organic material on the lawn and out of the landfill. ☼

SUNNYVALE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP

With the pressure of today's fast-paced society and tight economy, many families find themselves strained to the breaking point. Often, it is children who suffer most.

The Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) has joined with residents, neighborhood associations, schools, the faith-based community and service providers to help support Sunnyvale families in crisis. DFCS has received an initial planning grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to support their goal of working with the local community. They formed the Sunnyvale Action Team, which has been meeting monthly to address foster care and foster family recruitment, as well as support services for families.

THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FOSTER HOMES IS MOST CRITICAL IN THE 94089 ZIP CODE.

One of the Sunnyvale Action Team's goals is to keep Sunnyvale children within their community, whenever possible, to avoid interrupting children's ties to school, church and neighborhood.

During the two years that the Sunnyvale Action Team has been in place, it has received enthusiastic ongoing support. Team members have increased the awareness of the needs of foster children by attending meetings and events throughout the community. In recognition of their efforts in support of foster families in Sunnyvale, the Team received a mayoral proclamation at the

November 12, 2002, Sunnyvale City Council meeting.

The team has seen an increase in the number of Sunnyvale foster homes, but much still needs to be done. From January to December of last year, 60 children in Sunnyvale needed foster home placements, but only 18 foster homes are currently licensed in the City. Most Sunnyvale children needing foster home placements have to be placed outside of their own community. The need for additional foster homes is most critical in the 94089 ZIP code.

If you'd like to join the Sunnyvale Action Team, please contact Lisle Cohen at (408) 975-5511. To find out more about becoming a foster parent or providing respite care for needy children in Sunnyvale, please call Liz Martinez at (408) 975-5518. 🌟

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES COMES TO COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD

Family and Children Services is a private, non-profit human service agency serving more than 10,000 individuals, children and families throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties each year. After receiving an outside group funding grant from the City of Sunnyvale in October 2003, the agency began providing services at Sunnyvale's Columbia Neighborhood Center.

Family and Children Services has been able to contribute to the Center's growing need for counseling for youth and families conducted in Spanish. The agency has placed Kent Campbell, a licensed, bilingual marriage and family therapist intern, at the Center.

"I enjoy working at the Center," Campbell said. "It is an important part of the community where residents come for a variety of programs and services."

The agency has been a welcome addition to the Columbia Neighborhood Center. "Family and Children Services has been a great fit for us," said Linda Kim, the center's manager. "They understand the changing needs in our community, and make it a priority to be available for our community members. The breadth and depth of services and programs offered by the agency have been an invaluable resource to us."

Placing services in the Columbia Neighborhood is not new for Family and Children Services. The agency shares Columbia Neighborhood Center's philosophy of providing services where community members can easily access them. The agency offers treatment at their three facilities in San Jose, Campbell and Palo Alto, as well as throughout the community in schools, daycare sites, corporations, homes and in jails.

Family & Children Services can be reached at (650) 326-6576 or (408) 292-9353. For more information on the services offered at Columbia Neighborhood Center, call (408) 523-8150.

FREE ADMISSION

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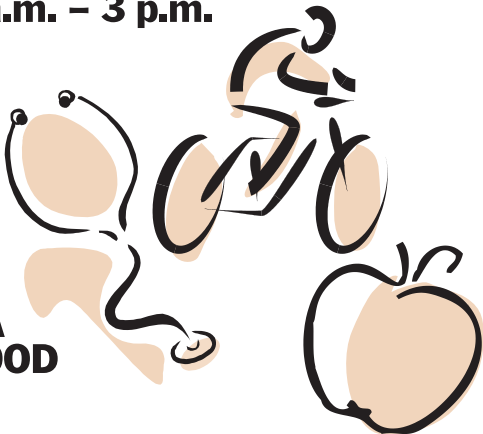
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Sunnyvale

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Your Health. Your Safety. Your Sunnyvale.

VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE THE PICTURE

Volunteerism, the freely-given involvement and participation of dedicated individuals, will take center stage as Sunnyvale celebrates National Volunteer Week, National Library Week and Earth day, from April 18 – April 24. Volunteers make up an important piece of the larger Sunnyvale picture, keeping the City vibrant, even in the face of fiscal challenges.

What does it take to sustain a community that works? In Sunnyvale, it takes a community committed to the environment, libraries to educate and inform, boards and commissions to attend to the vital details of civic life, and countless other programs. All of these efforts require partnerships between elected officials, City staff and a large corps of volunteers who work hard behind the scenes. Sunnyvale residents are overwhelmingly willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in, with little thought of personal reward.

To honor these hidden heroes,

the Sunnyvale Volunteer Office will welcome City volunteers, environmental art winners and members of Sunnyvale's boards and commissions at a reception Tuesday, April 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. ☀



VOLUNTEERS: WHO ARE THEY?

Who are these volunteers who complete the picture of life in Sunnyvale? Library volunteers are one important piece in the puzzle. Inspired by their love of books, of reading and of libraries, more than 100 volunteers devote 6,700 hours of service to the Library every year. Often working behind the scenes, volunteers record children's stories in Spanish, maintain the CD collection, sort book donations for Library sales and assist with the patent and trademark workshop program, among many other activities.

Another piece of the puzzle can be found in Sunnyvale's recycling program. An active volunteer group, inspired by the vision of a healthy sustainable earth, is working to promote earth-consciousness by teaching composting skills, delivering recycling totes to people living in apartments, creating environmental art, and more.

The Child Care Advisory Board makes up yet another piece of the picture, providing expertise and guidance to Sunnyvale's City Council on issues related to providing high-quality, affordable child care to all who need it.

There are hundreds more hidden heroes who volunteer in Sunnyvale, helping with bulk mailings, researching economic development, maintaining files and records, and many other vital tasks. You, too, can be the piece that completes the picture. There are so many ways to serve, and so many ways to get inspired. Which will you choose? To learn more about volunteering, contact the Sunnyvale Volunteer Services division at (408) 730-7533 or e-mail cgarcia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. You can also visit the City's Web site at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov and click on *Volunteering*.

CITY APPROVES NEW NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRY

On December 16, 2003, the City Council approved a new neighborhood registry program. The purpose of the new program is to formalize the services the City provides to support neighborhood associations and to cost-effectively improve communications between the City and residents. The registry itself is simply a list of neighborhood associations that have signed a special agreement with the City.

The special agreement spells out the City's support services and

contains minimum guidelines for forming a registered neighborhood association. Membership in the registry is optional, however neighborhood associations who choose to register receive several benefits. These include notification of relevant City information, recognition on the City's Web site and neighborhood association map, and free use of City park facilities for neighborhood meetings. Associations that join the registry and were formed since January 2003 are also eligible to receive a one-

time \$100 start-up grant to attend the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County's Annual Conference and to fund start-up activities, such as a newsletter or special neighborhood event.

If you would like information about how to start a neighborhood association or how to join the neighborhood registry, call the Neighborhood and Community Services office at (408) 730-7599, or e-mail ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☀

BRALY CORNERS AND CHERRY ORCHARD Sunnyvale's Two Newest Neighborhood Associations

Braly Corners Neighbors Association and the Cherry Orchard Neighborhood Association are Sunnyvale's newest neighborhood associations. Residents in Braly Corners have worked together since 1988 to increase neighborhood safety through the City's SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighbors Actively Prepare) Program. SNAP is a community self-help program offered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to help residents acquire skills to respond to an earthquake or other disaster before emergency personnel arrive. Building on this strong foundation of neighborhood involvement, the residents decided to establish their own neighborhood association. SNAP will continue to be a high neighborhood priority, as well as increasing avenues of communication with City Hall.

The other new association, Cherry Orchard Neighbors Association (CONA), decided to form an association to increase neighborhood safety through Neighborhood Watch programs and to address traffic and neighborhood beautification issues. Mayo Hower attended the Association's first picnic at Las Palmas Park on March 18. He updated the group on city issues and learned about neighborhood priorities.

Braly Corners Neighborhood Association

Bounded by Gladiola Drive, Hydransea Court and the 700 block of Lusterleaf Drive (between Gladiola and Iris). For a meeting schedule, call the association's chair, Jack Kroll, at (408) 739-2729.

Cherry Orchard Neighbors Association

Bounded by Cherrywood and Crawford Drives, adjacent to Las Palmas Park. For a meeting schedule call the association's chair, Don Thomas, at (408) 733-2621.

For Neighborhood Watch information call Jill Jackson, DPS Crime Prevention Unit, at (408) 730-7140. For SNAP program information call Cherel Sampson, DPS Office of Emergency Services, at (408) 730-7190.

LEADERSHIP SUNNYVALE *Empowering People to Improve Their Professional and Personal Lives*

Leadership Sunnyvale is preparing for its next series of workshops. This long-running program provides participants with an in-depth perspective on issues such as the history and working of the City of Sunnyvale, the state of education and healthcare in Sunnyvale and more. Participants gain valuable personal development skills, including value-based leadership, team building, how to work with the news media and more.

"Our goal is to strengthen our diverse community by developing and empowering individuals," said Executive Director Jim Telfer. "We want to enhance everyone's individual skills and talents so they are more effective both in the workforce and in their personal lives."

The Leadership Sunnyvale program consists of nine full-day public affairs seminars and nine half-day personal development workshops. The classes begin each September

ending with graduation in May.

The Leadership Sunnyvale program has a track record of nurturing community members' leadership potential. Six members of the current City Council, four current planning commissioners and numerous Sunnyvale non-profit board members are graduates of the program. The graduates are very active community members in Sunnyvale.

Leadership Sunnyvale is open to anyone who works, lives or has a connection with Sunnyvale. For more information about Leadership Sunnyvale, contact Jim Telfer at (408) 749-5691 or jjtelfer@yahoo.com or visit www.4SVL.org. ☀

The next Leadership Sunnyvale program runs September 2004 to June 2005.

Tuition is \$1,600 for the program. Financial assistance will be made available after the class is selected in June. All are encouraged to apply, regardless of financial consideration. For an application, please visit www.4svl.org or contact Jim Telfer at jjtelfer@yahoo.com or (408) 749-5691

2004 ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES NOW FORMING

SOFTBALL

Team fee is \$415 plus \$10 for each non-resident for a seven- or eight-week season, including playoffs. Register by May 26. Play begins June 9.

- Monday – Thursday league times: 7:45 p.m., 9 p.m.

- Friday CoRec league times: 6 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday league times: 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Team fee is \$315 plus \$10 for each non-resident for an eight-match season, including playoffs. Register by June 3. Play begins June 17.

- Sunday CoRec & Power league times: 5:05 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday CoRec league times: 7 p.m., 8:05 p.m., & 9:10 p.m.

Applications are mailed out four weeks prior to the deadline. Please call League Director Gary Brown at (408) 730-7334 or e-mail gbrown@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us to be added to the mailing list. Individuals looking to get onto a team should call to be put on a waiting list for managers who are looking for extra people. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. 🌟

GET YOUR GAME ON at the Indoor Sports Center

The Indoor Sports Center — located at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive — is now available for rental. Badminton, basketball and volleyball courts are available in both full- and half-court formats. Rent our entire gym for \$75 per hour (\$90 for non-residents) or reserve half the gym for \$40 per hour (\$50 for non-residents). We supply full regulation courts, first class poles, nets and more. Showers and locker rooms are available free of charge, though locks are not supplied. 🌟



NEW GYMNASTICS CLASSES ADDED TO SCHEDULE

California Sports Center now runs the recreation gymnastics program at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Through this partnership, the class schedule has expanded to offer morning and afternoon classes at the Community Center’s Indoor Sports Center, and at the Raynor Activity Center, 1500 Partridge Ave. Gymnastic classes range from Parent/Tot (beginning age is 18 months) through girls and boys up to age 16. The program also offers dedicated gymnastic space in the Indoor Sports Center. We are thrilled about this new partnership and invite you and your children to participate.

SUMMER’S COMING... Now’s the Time to Start Thinking About Summer Camps

Camper Cubs (Ages 4 – 5)

Braly Park Building, 704 Daffodil Court
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – noon
6/21 – 7/02, 7/06 – 7/16*, 7/19 – 7/30, 8/02 – 8/13

Camper Cubs is a fun-filled day camp designed to give boys and girls an enjoyable learning experience through camp activities. Campers will socialize with other campers while participating in arts and crafts, games, songs and field trips. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt. No one-week camps available.

Kidstuff (Ages 6 – 8)

Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Avenue
Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Extended Care 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
6/21 – 7/02, 7/06 – 7/16*, 7/19 – 7/30, 8/02 – 8/13

Kidstuff Camp has been creating memories for years. Daily activities include arts and crafts, group games, contests, and more. In addition, swim days, movies, off-site trips (see TripOut program) and special events make a Kidstuff session a favorite day camp. Each camper receives a Kidstuff T-shirt and should bring a daily lunch, morning and afternoon snacks. No one-week camps available. Extended care hours (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) are available for an additional fee. Call (408) 730-7523 for more information.

Adventure Camp (Ages 9 – 12)

DeAnza Park Building, 1150 Lime Drive
Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Extended Care 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
6/21 – 7/02, 7/06 – 7/16*, 7/19 – 7/30, 8/02 – 8/13

This fun-filled camp offers activities such as arts and crafts, group games and contests specifically designed for ages 9 – 12. Swim days, movies, and off-site trips (see TripOut program) are favorites among this camp. Each camper receives an Adventure Camp T-shirt and should bring a daily lunch, morning and afternoon snacks. No one-week camps available. Extended care hours (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) are available for an additional fee. Call (408) 730-7523 for more information.

Camp Explorer (Ages 6 – 12)

Washington Park Building, 840 W. Washington Avenue
Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Extended Care 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
6/21 – 7/02, 7/06 – 7/16*, 7/19 – 7/30, 8/02 – 8/13

This one-week camp offers a unique opportunity to explore Sunnyvale and surrounding areas. Typical destinations include the Exploratorium/Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, the Jungle in San Jose, Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton and more. Our May – August Activity Guide will have detailed information regarding each trip. Participants are to bring a sack lunch daily, morning and afternoon snacks. Register per day or the entire week at a discounted rate. Call (408) 730-7523 for a schedule of events. Extended care hours (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) are available for an additional fee.

SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

Drop-off / Pick-up: Las Palmas Park Building (850 Russet Drive)
Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fee: \$41 (Non-Residents: \$46)

Come and “Trip Out!” with us this summer as we explore some of the Bay Area’s most exciting attractions. Trips include transportation, admission into the trip location and supervision. Participants are to bring a lunch unless otherwise noted. Participants who have registered for our Las Palmas Afternoon Camp will receive a \$5 discount on registration for trips that occur during that camp session.

July 1 Exploratorium/Pier 39 (Ages 6 – 8)

Bring your curiosity on this trip as we explore hundreds of exhibits that we touch, look through, pick up and play with as we walk through the Exploratorium in San Francisco. Once we’re through exploring the Exploratorium, we’ll head to Pier 39 to explore the arcade and shops and be entertained by the harbor seals.

Boomers (Ages 9 – 12)

With so much to do, it’ll be hard to decide what to do first. Get wet and have fun on the bumper boats, choose from a variety of games in the game room, feel the speed on the Go-Karts racetrack or join us for battle in a Lazer Tag game. You’ll get an unlimited attraction admission, so you can get to all the attractions as often as time permits.

July 8 Bamboola (Ages 6 – 8)

Visit the huge children’s “edutainment” center in San Jose. Choose between the outdoor adventure play garden, dinosaur dig area, interactive cooking area, rock and boulder climbing area and indoor interactive water tables, or participate in arts and crafts and face painting. Come and join the excitement and fun.

Shadow Cliffs/Waterslides (Ages 9 – 12)

Grab your sliding mat and spend the day slipping and sliding on the four fun rapids. After lunch relax on the beach or take a dip at Shadow Cliffs Lake. Participants must be at least 42 inches tall. Be sure to bring a bag lunch, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and dry clothes for the ride back.

July 22 Jelly Belly and Jungle (Ages 6 – 8)

Ever wanted to taste the 150 flavors of Jelly Belly? Now’s your opportunity. Go on a factory tour in Fairfield and see how Jelly Bellies are made, visit the sampling bar to try your favorite flavors and walk around the visitor’s store. After we’ve had our fill of Jelly Bellies, we’ll head to the Jungle in Concord to have a pizza lunch and expend some energy on the huge indoor play structure.

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GETTING HANDS-ON WITH THE ARTS

When was the last time your kids practiced Japanese brush painting? Have they ever made a kite from scratch? Do they know how to make cornhusk dolls? Would they like to create a magical dragon for a parade? At the 19th annual Hands on the Arts festival, they can do all of this and more.

Sponsored by the City of Sunnyvale Department of Parks and

Recreation, Hands on the Arts is a hands-on, multi-cultural arts festival designed for children ages 3 to 12. Artists have designed crafts for children to complete and take home with them. Children can also participate in music, dance and theatre workshops. More than 30 professional visual and performing artists will provide a full day of creativity, imagination, wonder and awe.

Hands on the Arts is Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. The festival is open to the public and features food booths and stage entertainment for the whole family. Children can participate in workshops all day long for only \$5. For more information, please call (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501. 🌻

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS CLASSES

Fun for the Entire Family

The City of Sunnyvale's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide range of youth and adult classes in the performing and visual arts. Our teachers are professional and dedicated to providing a high-quality art experience for our students. Classes in singing, dancing, acting, painting, drawing, pottery and sculpting are just some of the offerings available.

Hula, Flamenco, Israeli Folk Dance and Tai Chi Chuan are examples of just a few multicultural classes we offer, reflecting the diverse population of our community. For a complete listing, pick up an Activity Guide at the Sunnyvale Recreation Center, or visit us on the Web at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. To have an Activity Guide sent to your home call (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501.

GUITAR CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Come join the City of Sunnyvale's newest teacher, Phil Vargas, for a musical experience you're sure to enjoy. Phil has been teaching guitar for more than 20 years and has performed at many local venues. His enthusiasm and passion for the guitar and music in general is an inspiration. If learning to play the guitar is something you have on your list of things to do, now's the time. See Sunnyvale's May – August Activity Guide for details or call (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501.

MOMMY & ME HULA CLASS

Are you looking for a unique and fun way to spend time with your little one? This beginning class is designed for the *keiki* (kids ages 5 – 8 years) with help from mom. In class, you will learn basic hand and feet motions in the narrative art of the Hawaiian hula. Gain knowledge

of the culture and language, develop better body awareness and increase your coordination and self esteem — all in a fun parent-and-child experience. Wear cool, comfortable clothing and bring water and a hand towel to class. See the Activity Guide for details or call (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501.

OIL PAINTING or WATERCOLOR FOR ADULTS

Have fun while learning how to paint. Check out Sunnyvale's variety of oil painting and watercolor painting classes. Enjoy learning about famous and emerging artists. Classes include demonstrations and slide lectures. See the Activity Guide for details or call (408) 730-7758, TDD (408) 730-7501.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTIES

Are you 18 years or older and looking for a fun, inexpensive way to spend your Friday night and get in some exercise? Come to a Friday Night Dance Party at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. Group lessons are available for beginning and intermediate levels and include an introduction to a different dance each Friday. The party starts at 7:30 p.m., and an \$8 fee is collected at the door. Music and lessons are provided by Bud Ayers and the staff of Shall We Dance. For more information contact Shall We Dance at (408) 807-2749 or Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation at (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501.

ABS ARABIA

You asked for it and we heard you. Back by popular demand is Abs Arabia taught by Alcina. See the May through August Activity Guide for details or call (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Back in May by Popular Demand!

The City of Sunnyvale offers many fun and exciting classes and programs, but you need to register to take advantage of them. By policy, classes with low enrollment as of the day before the scheduled start date may be cancelled. Help us to continue to serve you. See the Activity Guide for registration instructions.

NEW POTTERY FORMAT IS A HIT

Our pottery program has moved to an open studio format from the previous class-only format. During Open Studio, technical assistance and demonstrations are still provided, but now you can make the pottery schedule fit your schedule. Open Studio passes must be purchased in advance for \$15 per four-hour visit (\$18 for non-residents), and up to 10 visits can be purchased at one time. Pro-rating for unused hours is not available. All Passes must be presented at the door. For more information see the Activity Guide or call (408) 730-7758, TDD (408) 730-7501. 🌻

SWING AND SWAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Seniors 50 and older are invited to the Sunnyvale Senior Center's Swing and Sway Dance, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Dance to live bands in the Center's Orchard Pavilion Room from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Senior Center members pay \$5 (non-members \$7) at the door, and refreshments are included. The Senior Center is located at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale. For more information please call (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Host Your Next Event at the Sunnyvale Community Center

Looking for a place to hold your next birthday party, business meeting or even your wedding? Our Community Center campus has rooms for all occasions at great prices. Check out the brand new Orchard Pavilion, with a panoramic view of our pond, built-in sound system, full entertainment stage and new hardwood floors. Also available for rent is the 200-seat Sunnyvale Performing Arts Center, which provides children's theatre, contemporary theatre, special concerts and workshops all year long. We also have conference rooms available for business meetings, seminars and training sessions. Each rental includes free set-up and a staff member on duty to ensure that things run smoothly during your entire function.

The Sunnyvale Community Center is located at 550 E. Remington Drive. For more information, please call (408) 730-7350, TDD (408) 730-7501.

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Wax Museum and Pier 39 (Ages 9 – 12)

Come and see how wax figures are made and see wax superstars such as Britney Spears, Leonardo DeCaprio, Jim Carrey and more! After strolling amongst our favorite stars, we'll head over to

Pier 39 to visit the arcade and shops and view the harbor seals. Be sure to bring your lunch and comfortable walking shoes!

August 12 Raging Waters (Ages 6 – 12)

Cool off this summer by joining us for our annual trip to San Jose's

hottest waterslide park. Check out the new ride in the Dragon's Den or catch some waves in the monster 350,000-gallon wave pool. Our most popular trip of the summer, Raging Waters has been entertaining kids and families throughout the Bay Area for years. 🌻

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

KEY

CC = Council Chambers

WCR = West Conference Room

CCB = Community Center Boardroom

GCR = Garden Conference Room

Meeting and event times and locations are subject to change.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS —
City Council, Boards and
Commissions
April 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004**

The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (study sessions are normally held at 6:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting), Board and Commission meetings, and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times listed, contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at (408) 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN-18 (Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m.

CITY HOLIDAYS

City Hall Closed
May 31 — Memorial Day

CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m., CC
April 6, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18
June 1, 8, 15, 29

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., WCR
April 21, May 19, June 16

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee, 6:30 p.m., WCR**
April 15, May 20, June 17

**Board of Building Code Appeals,
7 p.m., CC**
Meetings are held only when necessary.
For more information call (408) 730-7444.

Board of Library Trustees, 7 p.m., CC
April 5, May 3, June 7

**Child Care Advisory Board,
1 p.m., WCR**
April 1
Meetings are held quarterly only when
needed. For more information call
(408) 730-7608.

**Heritage Preservation Commission,
7 p.m., WCR**
April 7, May 5, June 2

**Housing and Human Services
Commission, 7 p.m., WCR**
April 28, May 26, June 23

**Parks and Recreation Commission,
7 p.m., CC**
April 14, 28
May 12, 26
June 9, 23

Personnel Board, 5 p.m., WCR
April 19, May 17, June 21

**Planning Commission, 8 p.m., CC
(Study Sessions, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., WCR)**
April 12, 26
May 10, 24
June 14, 28

**FOR TDD ACCESS,
CALL (408) 730-7501**

**COMMUNITY GROUPS —
April 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**American Association of Retired
Persons (AARP)**
Meets first Wednesday of each month, except
July, August, and January. For more
information call (408) 732-2073.

Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley
*Weekly Meetings, Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m. -
8:30 a.m.* at the Lookout Inn, 605 Macara
Ave., Sunnyvale (Municipal Golf Course)

Kiwanis is an International Organization
(see *www.kiwanis.org*)

Bruce Carlson, President,
bruce@carlsonfun.com, (408) 774-0609
Norm Betts, President-Elect
Donna Betts, Secretary
Art Bedford, Treasurer

**S.N.A.I.L.L. (Sunnyvale Neighbors of
Arbor Including La Linda)**
Meets the first Thursday of each month,
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the teacher's lounge at
Columbia Middle School, 739 Morse Ave.,
Sunnyvale

**Lakewood Village Neighborhood
Association Meetings**
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at Fairwood
School or Lakewood School. Visit the
Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association
Web site (*www.lvna.net*) for locations.
For more information, please e-mail
Phyllis Murphy at *sbtis2@aol.com*

**Heritage District Neighborhood
Association Meetings**
All meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy
Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For
more information, please call Tom Carrig at
(408) 736-6147.

**San Miguel Neighbors Association
Meetings**
All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel
School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave.
For more information, please call
Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES —
Theater, Arts, Recreation
April 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004**

National Volunteer Week
April 19 - 23

Sunnyvale Volunteer Reception
April 20
7 p.m., Council Chambers
For more information call (408) 730-7533

Garage Sale Day
April 24
For more information call (408) 730-7262

Hands on the Arts
Saturday, May 15 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunnyvale Community Center
For more information call (408) 730-7350

Health & Safety Fair
Saturday, May 22 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Columbia Neighborhood Center
785 Morse Avenue
For more information call (408) 730-7599

AirExpo At Moffett Field
May 29, 30 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
NASA Ames Research Center,
Mountain View, CA
For more information call (800) 367-5833
Or visit *www.airshownetwork.com*

Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival
June 5, 6
Downtown Sunnyvale
For more information call (408) 736-4971

State of the City 2004
July 4
Washington Park
For more information call (408) 730-7535

SUNNYVALE THEATER PRODUCTIONS

Sunnyvale Community Players
For more information or to purchase tickets
call (408) 733-6611

Fiddler on the Roof
April 9 - May 2

CALIFORNIA THEATER
For more information or to purchase tickets
call (408) 245-2978

The Hobbit
April 2
Miss Nelson is Missing
April 5 - 23

The Frog Prince
May 3 - 7

Jack and the Beanstalk
May 17 - 21

AN EVENING OF CULTURAL ARTS
For more information or to purchase tickets
call (408) 730-7354

Adrian Legg
April 2, 3

SUNNYVALE SINGERS
For more information to purchase tickets call
(408) 369-1877

Spring Concert
May 8

RECYCLING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Spring Cleanup
April 5 - 30
Extra garbage pickup on regularly scheduled
pickup days. To schedule a large item
pickup or for more information call
(408) 730-7415.

Extra Dump Weekends
April 3 - 4 and 17 - 18
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Free for Sunnyvale residents. For more
information call (408) 730-7262.

Compost Workshop
April 10, May 8, June 12, 10 a.m. - noon
Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum
Workshops are one Saturday per month with
registration due one day before. For more
information call the Recycling Program at
(408) 730-7262.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
April 17, May 15, June 19
Drop-off at Sunnyvale event site
(164 Carl Road), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more
information call (408) 730-7262.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAKE-UPS
AND MIXERS**

Wake-Up Sunnyvale
April 8, May 13, June 10
Monthly networking breakfasts held on the
second Thursday of each month, from
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfasts are
sponsored by a different chamber member
each month and provide an opportunity for
the sponsor to showcase their products,
services and expertise. Reservations are
required. For more information or to make a
reservation please contact the Chamber at
(408) 736-4971

Business Mixers
April 22, May 27, June 24
Evening networking events held the fourth
Thursday of each month, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Mixers are sponsored by a different chamber
member at their place of business and
provided an opportunity for the sponsor to
showcase their facility, products and services.
Reservations are required. For more
information or to make a reservation contact
the Chamber at (408) 736-4971.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Fun On The Run
City of Sunnyvale's free drop-in mobile
activities program. Arts and crafts, games and
sports for youth ages 6 – 14. For more
information contact Recreation Coordinator
Suzie Hayes at (408) 730-7523 or
shayes@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

**Family and Child Network
Provider Meetings**
Meets on the second Tuesday of each
month. For more information contact
IrisAnn Nelson at (408) 733-4828 or
Bobbie Martin at (408) 746-0336

Water Pollution Plant Tours
Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale's Water
Pollution Control Plant. To schedule a tour
or for more information call (408) 730-7717

COMMUNITY CALENDAR ONLINE
www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events/home.htm

ADULT CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Literature Programs

Shakespeare Read-along — April 5, May 3, June 7

The first Monday of every month, gather in the Library Program Room at 7 p.m. with other fans of the Bard to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. All are welcome!

- Monday, April 5, 7 p.m. *As You Like It*
- Monday, May 3, 7 p.m. *King Lear*
- Monday, June 7, book and time TBD.

Monthly Book Group — April 15, May 20, June 17

The third Thursday of every month, enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. Meets at 7 p.m. in the Program Room. All are welcome!

- Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m. *Women in Love*, by D. H. Lawrence
- Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m. Book TBD
- Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m. Book TBD

Classes

Adult classes in the library are a great way to get a free introduction to the library and its resources, including how to use computers and the Internet. Classes are a single session, and meet in the Library Program Room.

Computer Comfort

A presentation designed for new or first time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. Registration is required.

- Wednesday, May 12 2 - 4 p.m.

Learn About the World Wide Web

Get the basics you'll need to start your journey on the Internet. Topics include Internet terminology, connecting to the Internet, great places to start your search and more. Designed for those with little or no

experience using the Web. Registration recommended.*

- Thursday, April 29, 7 - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 9, 2 - 4 p.m.

Searching the World Wide Web

Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques and discover great places to start your search. This class is for those familiar with the Internet. Registration recommended.*

- Tuesday, June 15, 2 - 4 p.m.

Introduction to Web-based E-mail (New)

E-mail is a fast, free way to stay in touch with family and friends all over the world. This class will cover the basics of setting up an e-mail account so you can use e-mail on any computer connected to the World Wide Web. Learn how to send and receive messages, reply to messages, get or send e-mail attachments, and more. This class is for those familiar with the Internet. Registration recommended.*

- Tuesday, April 20, 2 - 4 p.m.

Free Databases @ Your Library

Some of the library's most exciting and up-to-date resources are online. Learn to use the online magazine and newspaper indexes, business directories, medical databases, Literature and Biography Resource Centers and more. This class will also show you how to access many of these resources from your home or office. Registration recommended.*

- Thursday, May 27, 7 - 9 p.m.

Learn about the Library

Gain a better understanding of the library's rich collections and services in this one-hour class, followed by a short tour. You'll find out how to locate what you want in the library, where to ask for help and what services the library can offer you- all for free. Become a confident library user and enjoy this community resource. A good introduction for new users, this program also informative for lifelong library users. Registration recommended.*

- Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

* Registered attendees have priority for the hands-on portion of classes, where applicable. To register for any of these classes, come to the Reference Desk or call us at (408) 730-7300. All classes will be offered again in the second half of 2004.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Toddler Storytime

For ages 17 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver.

- April 1, 15, 29, 11 a.m.
- April 7, 21, 7 p.m.

Family Storytime

Start your weekend with stories: *Trees* on April 3, and *Rabbit Romp* on April 17.

- April 3, 17, 10:30 a.m.

Make a Picture

Join us for stories about art and imagination, then create a work of art for display at the library. For ages 3 - 8.

- April 8, 7 p.m.

Time for Tales

For children ages 3 - 5 with a parent or caregiver.

- April 14, 28, 11 a.m.

Mother Goose Time

A lapsit language experience for the very young. For babies ages 6 - 16 months with a parent or caregiver.

- April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime,

A weekly, small-group program for children able to attend a program without a parent or caregiver. (Parent may accompany child to the first program only.) Registration is required. Registration begins Saturday, April 10 and continues until the group is full. For children ages 3 - 5.

- April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 11 a.m.

Music, Music, Music!

Listen to stories about music and make a musical instrument. For ages 3 - 8.

- April 22, 7 p.m.

SCI|J³ — SUNNYVALE CENTER FOR INNOVATION, INVENTION, AND IDEAS

Sci|j³ offers more than 40 classes on different aspects of intellectual property. For more detailed class descriptions and registration information, please visit www.sci3.com, or call (408) 730-7300.

- April 6, **Basics of Technology Licensing**, 10:30 a.m., \$125

This course is intended for entrepreneurs and inventors who want to learn more about technology licensing contracts.

- April 7, **esp@cenet**, 10:30 a.m., \$125

Espacenet is the premier free Internet database maintained by the European Patent Office. Learn the best ways to access more than 30 million documents, including detailed field searching techniques and a short hands-on practice session.

- April 14, **Patent Basics**, 10:30 a.m., \$125

Have you ever had an idea, done nothing about it, and then later found out that someone made millions from the same idea? This is the perfect class covering the basics of how to apply for a patent.

- May 5, **Japanese Patents**, 10:30 a.m., \$125

This is a workshop for people who would like to know more about Japanese patent documents and about the resources for searching Japanese patents.

- May 12, **Trademark Basics**, 10:30 a.m., \$125

Our expert staff will present a basic introduction to trademarks and service marks.

- May 12, **Searching TESS**, 2 p.m., \$125

TESS is the Patent and Trademark Office's new web Trademark Electronic Search System of federally registered and pending marks. Learn how to use TESS for screening and trademark searches.

- June 16, **Patent Searching and the Internet, Part 1**, 10:30 am, \$125

If you are new to the patent process and want some tips on patent searching, this is the class for you.

CHECK OUT LOCAL EVENTS ON THE WEB

Log on to www.sunnyvale.ca.gov and click on the *Events* link to get monthly listings of community events. Community Events Calendar includes City Council, Boards and Commissions, and other community meetings, as well as special events that are open to the public. If you have an upcoming event or meeting that you would like to publicize, please e-mail ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. The City reserves the right to edit and publish any or all of the community events.

For more information about the Community Events Calendar, call (408) 730-7489 or ncs@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

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